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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Thomas G. Hill, Jr. *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/600,037

Confirmation No.: 6401

Filed: June 20, 2003

For: Method and Apparatus for
Locking Out a Subsurface
Safety Valve

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Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: Unknown

Customer No.: 36735

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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<p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on <u>16 March 2005</u>.</p>	
<p><u>William B. Patterson</u> Typed Name <u>34,102</u> Reg. No. if applicable</p>	 Signature <u>(713)623-4844</u> Telephone Number

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

This Petition is being resubmitted in response to a letter from the Office of Petitions dated December 16, 2004 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) for the failure of one of the inventors, Thomas Michael Deaton, to execute the Declaration and Assignment in connection with the above-identified application.

The last-known address of the non-signing inventor, Thomas Michael Deaton, is as follows:

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In support thereof, Applicant would respectfully show the following:

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The present application was filed on June 20, 2003 with a Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by Thomas G. Hill, JR, Neil A.A. Simpson and Rory L. Hodge (See Exhibit A) and a Petition for Filing Patent Application without Signature of One of the Inventors and a Joint Declaration in Support of Petition to File Patent Application without Signature of One Inventor. (See Exhibit B)
2. Attempts have been made to reach Mr. Deaton for his review of the patent application, and for his execution of an Oath and Declaration pursuant to 37 CFR §1.63. For instance, during February of 2005, several attempts were made by Bruce Patterson, an agent of record in the present case, to reach Mr. Deaton by at 713 668-4234, the last known telephone number of Mr. Deaton.
3. A certified letter was sent to Mr. Deaton on February 10, 2005 enclosing a draft of the patent application and the requested declaration (See Exhibit C) to the following last known address of Mr. Deaton (See Exhibit D):

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Houston, TX 77025
4. A return receipt was signed by Mr. Deaton (See Exhibit E) but no other response was received from Mr. Deaton.
5. Additionally, on March 15, 2005, an additional phone call was made to the last known telephone number for Mr. Deaton.

For the foregoing reasons, it is believed that sufficient basis has been established for filing this application absent Mr. Deaton signature. Accordingly, granting of this Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/TEJ/0004/WBP, the fee of \$130.00 as required by 37 CFR § 1.17(h) in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.47(a) and the fee of \$120.00 for a one month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.136(a), along with any other fees required to make this petition timely and acceptable to the Office. To facilitate that charge, a duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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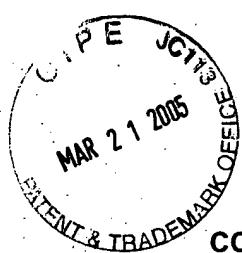


EXHIBIT A

Atty. Dkt. No. TEJ/0004

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is of the following type:

- original
- divisional
- continuation
- continuation-in-part

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOCKING OUT A SUBSURFACE SAFETY VALVE

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which:

- is filed herewith
- was filed on _____, under Serial No. _____, executed on even date herewith;
or
- Express Mail No. (as Serial No. not yet known) and was amended on _____ (if applicable)
- was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application; namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

- In compliance with this duty there is attached an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §119)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any provisional or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below, and have also identified below any provisional or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

No such applications have been filed.
 Such applications have been filed as follows:

A. Prior foreign/PCT application(s) filed within 12 mos. (6 mos. for design) prior to this application, and any priority claims under 35 USC §119

<u>Country/PCT</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

B. All foreign application(s), if any, filed more than 12 mos. (6 mos. for design) prior to this U.S. application

<u>Country/PCT</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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C. U.S. Provisional Application filed within 12 months prior to this application

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
60/395,521	July 12, 2002

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 USC §120)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application (namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

No such applications have been filed.
 Such applications have been filed, as follows:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Patented</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Abandoned</u>
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

B. Todd Patterson	Registration No. 37,906
Raymond R. Moser, Jr.	Registration No. 34,682
Keith M. Tackett	Registration No. 32,008
Douglas H. Elliott	Registration No. 32,982
William B. Patterson	Registration No. 34,102
Peter L. Brewer	Registration No. 41,636

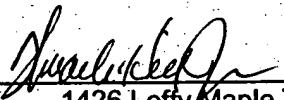
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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Sec. 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor: THOMAS G. HILL, JR.

Inventor's signature: 
Residence: 1426 Loffy Maple Trail
Kingwood, Texas 77345

Date: 16 May 03

Post Office Address: Same as above Country of Citizenship: U.S.A.

Full name of second inventor: THOMAS MICHAEL DEATON

Inventor's signature: 
Residence: 2222 Maroneal, No. 1615
Houston, Texas 77030

Date: _____

Post Office Address: Same as above Country of Citizenship: U.S.A.

Full name of third inventor: **NEIL A.A. SIMPSON**

Inventor's signature: Neil Simpson Date: 10th June 2003

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Full name of fourth inventor: **RORY L. HODGE**

Inventor's signature: Rory L. Hodge Date: _____

Residence: 24211 Pinecreek Point
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(Declaration ends with this page)



EXHIBIT B

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**In re Application of: Thomas G. Hill, Jr.
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 37 CFR 1.8	
<p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited on June 20, 2003, in an envelope marked as "Express Mail United States Postal Service", Mailing Label No. EV 155453175 US, addressed to: MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p>	
<u>June 20, 2003</u>	
Date	Signature

Dear Sir:

**PETITION FOR FILING PATENT APPLICATION WITHOUT
SIGNATURE OF ONE OF THE INVENTORS**

This Petition is filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.47 in order to procure filing of the above-entitled patent application without signature of one of the inventors. Section 1.41 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires that an Oath or Declaration be signed by each inventor in connection with a patent application. Requirements for the Oath or Declaration are set out in Section 1.63. In the present case, one of the four named inventors is unavailable to execute the Oath or Declaration pursuant to Section 1.63. Accordingly, the present Petition is filed.

In support of this Petition, the Assignee of rights in and to the inventions for the above-entitled application would show that there are four named inventors on the application, to wit, Thomas G. Hill, Jr., Thomas Michael Deaton, Neil A.A. Simpson and Rory L. Hodge. At the time the subject inventions were conceived and reduced to practice, Mr. Hill, Mr. Deaton and Mr. ²⁰¹⁷⁻¹ Simpson were employees of Tejas Research & Engineering, LP. Tejas Research & Engineering is an independent

engineering firm located in Houston, Texas. Mr. Simpson was an employee of Astec Development Company. Astec Development Company is a company from the United Kingdom located in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Each of the inventors is under a legal obligation to assign the subject inventions to Weatherford/Lamb, Inc.

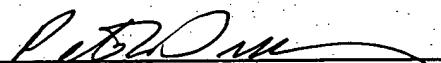
Mr. Michael Deaton is no longer under the employ of Tejas Research & Engineering. Despite efforts of counsel for Assignee, Weatherford/Lamb, Inc., Mr. Deaton has not returned the signed Oath or Declaration required under 37 CFR §§ 1.41(a) and 1.63. Accordingly, the present Petition is submitted.

In further support of the present Petition, a Joint Declaration is submitted by Peter L. Brewer and Thomas G. Hill, Jr. The signed Declaration is filed herewith in accordance with Section 409.03(d) of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedures*.

Weatherford/Lamb, Inc. respectfully requests that the above-entitled patent application be filed and examined without the submission of a signed Oath or Declaration from Thomas Michael Deaton.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$130.00, and any other fees associated with this Petition to counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/TEJ/0004/WBP. To facilitate that charge, a duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir:

**JOINT DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO FILE PATENT
APPLICATION WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF ONE INVENTOR**

This Joint Declaration is filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.47, and MPEP §409.03(d). This Declaration is submitted in support of a separate Petition to File Patent Application Without Signature of One of the Inventors.

In making this Joint Declaration, Peter L. Brewer and Thomas G. Hill, Jr. declare that the statements made herein of their own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-entitled patent application or any patents issued thereon. Peter L. Brewer's signature hereunder is made with respect to paragraph numbers 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Thomas G. Hill, Jr.'s signature hereunder is made with respect to paragraph numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12.

1. Peter L. Brewer is an attorney with the law firm of Moser, Patterson & Sheridan, located in Houston, Texas. Mr. Brewer is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and in the State of Tennessee. He is a licensed patent attorney, having Registration No. 41,636.

2. The law firm of Moser, Patterson & Sheridan, L.L.P. represents Weatherford/Lamb, Inc. in matters relating to intellectual property. Moser, Patterson & Sheridan had been retained to work with Tejas Research & Engineering, LP and Weatherford Completion Systems (formerly a division of Weatherford/Lamb, Inc.) in order to assist in preparation of the above-entitled patent application.

3. Thomas G. Hill, Jr. is the President of Tejas Research & Engineering, LP. Tejas Research & Engineering, LP is an engineering firm located in Houston, Texas. (See Appendix C). Tejas contracts with companies such as Weatherford for the design and development of tools for the oil industry. Tejas Research & Engineering was retained by Weatherford Completion Systems to aid in the design and development of a lockout tool for a safety valve, now the subject of the above-entitled patent application.

4. Engineers from Tejas Research & Engineering worked on the design and development of the lockout tool during the years 2001 and 2002. The engineers from Tejas Research & Engineering included Thomas G. Hill, Jr., T. Michael Deaton and Rory Hodge. Assistance was also provided by Neil A.A. Simpson with Astec Development Company in Aberdeen, Scotland.

5. A provisional patent application for the above-entitled patent application was filed on July 12, 2002. Mr. Hill, Mr. Deaton and Mr. Hodge assisted in the review of the provisional patent application before filing.

6. In early 2003, T. Michael Deaton left the employ of Tejas Research & Engineering, LP.

7. During 2003, the above-entitled patent application has been prepared, based upon the earlier provisional filing, and based upon review and input from Tejas engineers. However, because Mr. Deaton has not been employed at Tejas Research & Engineering, he has not been available to assist in the review of the patent application.

8. Attempts have been made to reach Mr. Deaton for his review of the patent application, and for his execution of an Oath or Declaration pursuant to 37 CFR §1.63. These efforts and attempts have been unsuccessful.

9. During April of 2003, attempts were made by Peter L. Brewer to reach Mr. Deaton by telephone. Subsequently, a letter was sent to Mr. Deaton enclosing a draft of the patent application and the requested Declaration. No response was received from Mr. Deaton. Appendix A represents documentation showing delivery of the materials, including the Declaration, to Mr. Deaton on April 30, 2003 via the U.S. Postal Service Express Mail No. EV 186612800 US.

10. Subsequently, on May 15, 2003, a second letter was sent to Mr. Deaton via Federal Express No. 790290158710. Appendix B shows a returned copy of the delivery receipt. No response was received from Mr. Deaton to the letter.

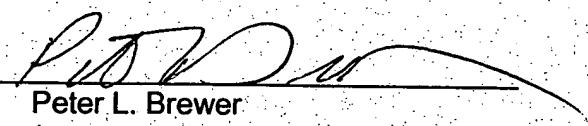
11. In addition, on May 15, 2003, an additional message was left at the last known telephone number for Mr. Deaton. No answer was provided to this message.

12. It is not believed or expected that Mr. Deaton will comply with the request of counsel to assist in the review of the patent application or to execute the requested Declaration. Mr. Deaton's departure from the employ of Tejas Research & Engineering was under conditions that render it unlikely to receive future aid and assistance from Mr. Deaton.

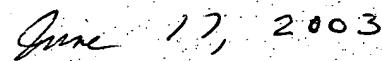
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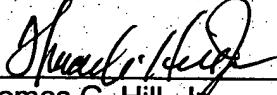
By:


Peter L. Brewer

(as to Paragraph Nos. 1, 2 and 8-12)


June 17, 2003

TEJAS RESEARCH & ENGINEERING, LP

By: 

Thomas G. Hill, Jr.

(as to Paragraph Nos. 3-8 and 12)

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April 29, 2003

T. Michael Deaton
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Via Two-Day Delivery

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/395,521
Entitled: "Method and Apparatus For Locking Out a Subsurface Safety Valve"
Our Ref.: TEJ/0004

Dear Mike:

As you know, our firm represents Tejas Research Engineering in connection with intellectual property matters. We have prepared a patent application for Tejas entitled "Method and Apparatus for Locking Out a Subsurface Safety Valve." A copy of the application is enclosed for your reference.

In anticipation of filing the patent application, we ask that you sign the formal papers for the Patent Office. Copies of the Assignment, the Declaration and the UK Authorisation are each enclosed for your signature. We are also enclosing a self-addressed return envelope for returning the signed formal papers.

We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. Your name will appear as one of the listed inventors on the patent once it issues. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

MOSER, PATTERSON & SHERIDAN, L.L.P.



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May 15, 2003

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Via Federal Express

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Dear Mike:

By letter dated April 29, 2003, we forwarded to you a proposed draft of the Patent Application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Locking Out a Subsurface Safety Valve." This is the conventional patent application based on a provisional application that was filed in July 2002. Along with the draft of the application, we included formal papers to be signed for the Patent Office. Copies of the Assignment, the Declaration and the UK Authorisation were each enclosed for your signature.

In reviewing our file, it appears that our earlier letter was addressed to "Moronea," rather than "Maroneal." The United States Postal Service advises that the package was delivered on April 30th. At the same time, because we have not yet heard from you, we wish to contact you at the proper address to make sure that you received the proper documentation. If you did not receive the documents, please call me at your first opportunity and we will be sure and have those re-delivered.

We thank you again for your assistance in this matter. Your name will appear as one of the listed inventors on the patent once it issues. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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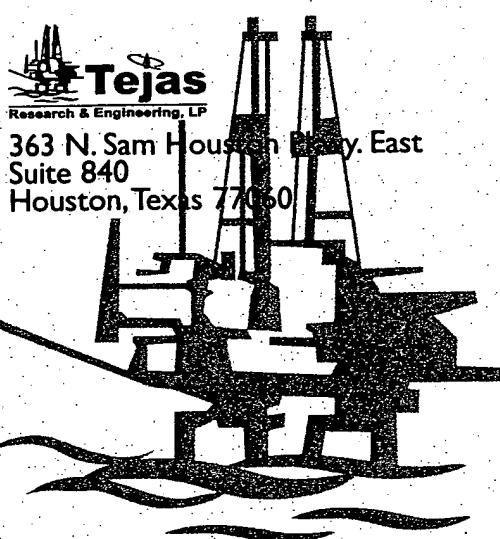
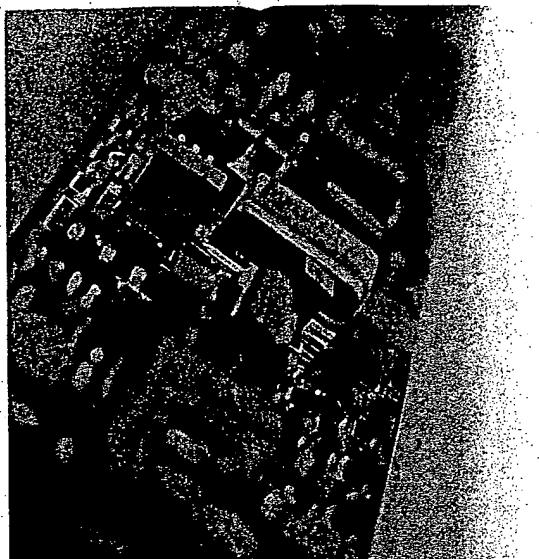
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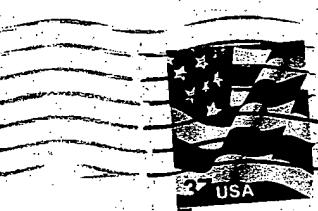
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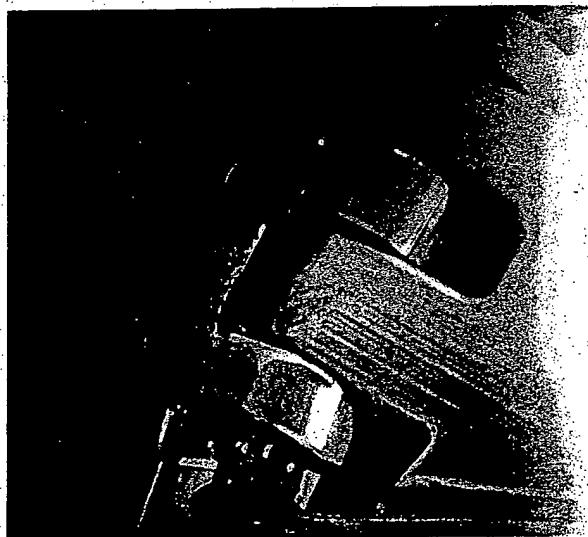
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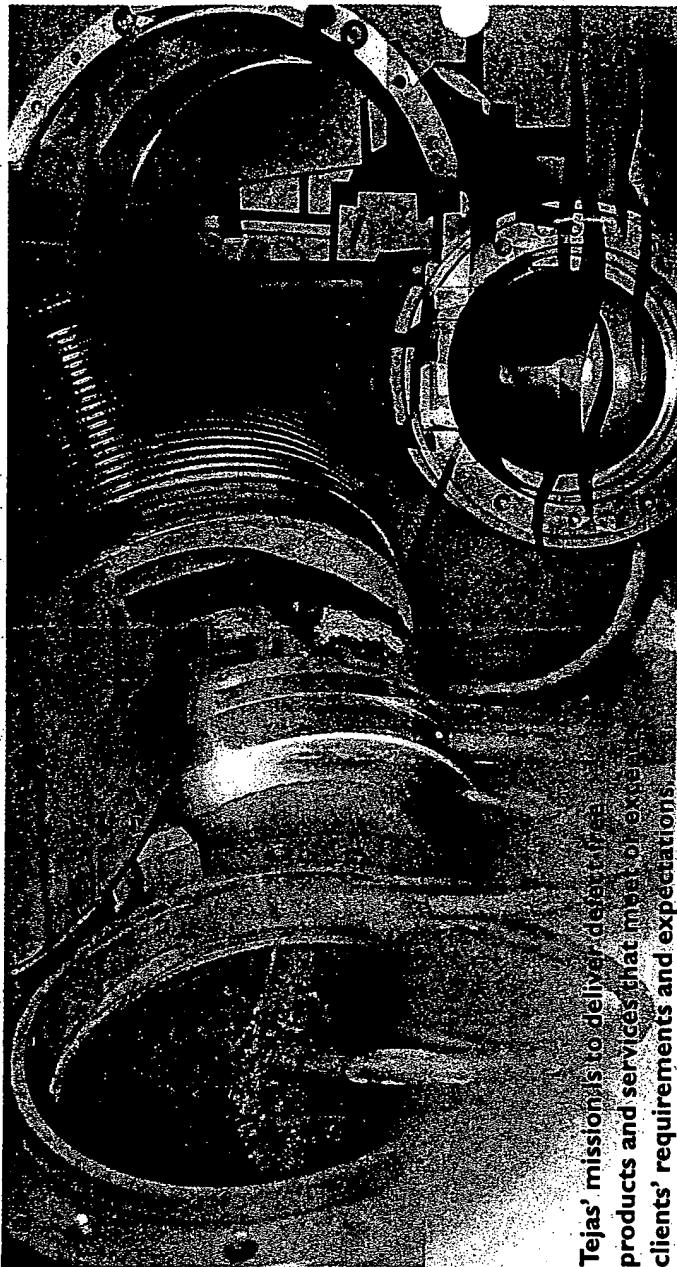


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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/600,037
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Dear Mr. Deaton:

As you know, our firm works with Tejas Research Engineering in connection with intellectual property matters. We have prepared a patent application for Tejas entitled "Method and Apparatus For Locking Out a Subsurface Safety Valve." A copy of the application is enclosed for your reference.

Since you are a listed inventor, we ask that you sign the formal papers for the Patent Office. Copies of the Assignment, Declaration, and the U.K. Authorisation are enclosed for your signature. We have enclosed a self-addressed return envelope for returning the signed formal papers.

We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. Your name will appear as one of the listed inventors on the patent once it issues. Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

MOSER, PATTERSON & SHERIDAN, L.L.P.

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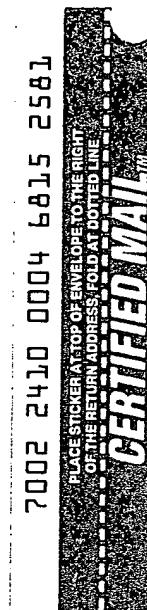
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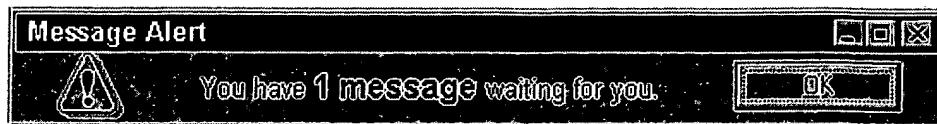
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